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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



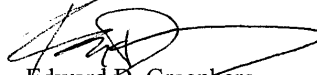
**RE: STB Finance Docket 34442, *Maritime Rail LLC* –
*Lease and Operation Exemption -- Meadows Industrial Tracks***

Dear Secretary Williams:

The undersigned is Special Counsel to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"). In that capacity, we have had an opportunity to briefly discuss the matters presented in the above-referenced Notice of Exemption with counsel for Maritime Rail LLC ("MRL") and have requested that MRL voluntarily postpone the effective date of the exemption.

I have been authorized by MRL's counsel to represent that MRL has no objection to a temporary stay of the effectiveness of the proposed exemption from December 2, 2003 to December 9, 2003 and we accordingly request that an appropriate order be issued to that effect. If you have any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Edward D. Greenberg

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